

MBC YOUTH

Youth Happenings

January 2020 Newsletter

December in Review

The youth had a busy and fun December! We started the month off with a Christmas Party. The youth decorated the multi-purpose building, had a delicious dinner, and then participated in our annual Chinese gift exchange. There were lots of laughs!

Students worked hard on the BOOM service, which was held on December 15th. Thank you to Linden Barrick, Peggy Foster, and Dawn Miller for making the delicious prizes for the Ugly Sweater Contest, and congratulations to Kathryn Bray, Becky Ethington, and Robin Thompson for being the winners! We would also like to thank the preschool and kindergarten students for appearing in the video telling the Christmas story. It was a fun night, and we are thankful for the love and support from our church family.

On Wednesday December 18th, we went to Chick-fil-A, and then traveled to Deltaville to see the Christmas lights. It was a VERY cold night, but we had a great time laughing, singing Christmas carols, and just being together on a fun outing! We are looking forward to the new year and it's endless possibilities.



January Activities

- 1/8/20 Youth Group (6:30-7:30)
- 1/15/20 Youth Group (6:30-7:30)
- 1/22/20 Youth Group (6:30-7:30)
- 1/29/20 Youth Group (6:30-7:30)

Upcoming Trips

High School Retreat-
March 6th-8th (\$25 due Feb. 2nd)

FUGE-
July 13th-17th (\$50 nonrefundable deposit due Jan. 19th)

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"The Lighthouse"



Have you seen the "Mayhem" commercials for Allstate? A recent one had "Mayhem" tailgating another driver. That driver is so distracted looking in the mirror, that he runs into the truck in front of him. I have always been told, "You can't drive forward looking in the rearview mirror!" Are you carrying a lot of baggage? Are you haunted by the past? A lot of skeletons in the closet?

You don't have to be defined by your past mistakes. The Father doesn't want us bogged down by past mistakes. Once they are confessed to Him, they are forgiven (1 John 1:9). Jesus said, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62) Paul said he would not let his past hinder him from serving the Father. "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 4:13b-14). The new year is a great time to shed the shackles of the past to pursue God's will for the future! The Heavenly Father said, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:18-19a) Let's go, no turning back now!

Faithfully,
Pastor Brian



JANUARY 2020

SPECIAL DATES

- ◆ 1st New Year's Day
- ◆ 5th Deadline for Vaden Wise Scholarship appl. Dedication meal for remodeling project
- ◆ 8th Family Meals resume
- ◆ 15th Quarterly Business Mtg.
- ◆ 20th Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ◆ 29th Covered Dish Meal

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Return Services Requested

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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
~2 Corinthians 5:17



New Adult Co-ed Sunday School Class starting Sun., Jan. 5th.

Class will meet in the hallway room leading to the multipurpose building (formerly 1st/2nd grade room) and will be led by Arleen Allen.

Anyone is welcome to come check out the new class.



—Vaden Wise scholarship appl. are due on Jan. 5.

—Virginia Baptist Foundation scholarship applications due by Jan. 31, 2020. For more information, go to vbfinc.org/scholarships.

Notes from the Music Staff

Happy New Year to all. It was a good year, a good decade. As we age, things change. Our choir has changed from choir to choral ensemble and we have added a women's trio. Our Praise Band has changed their sound with new members also. So both services have a 'new sound'. Our Christmas Eve Family Candlelight service was beautiful as usual. We thank all those participating, from children, teens & young adults to seniors!

As the New Year begins, a reminder that children's music activities will contin-

ue on Wednesday family meal evenings. The Choral Ensemble is always open to those who like to sing in a choral group and continues to meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Also, once a month, we have a special guest musician. The opportunities are always open here at MBC for musicians to participate in Worship.

Looking forward to another good year in worship,

Janet Bowman
Music Director

Our Remodeling Project is complete! If you haven't had a chance to walk through, be sure to stop by and take a look.

Dedication luncheon to be held on Sunday, January 5, at noon.

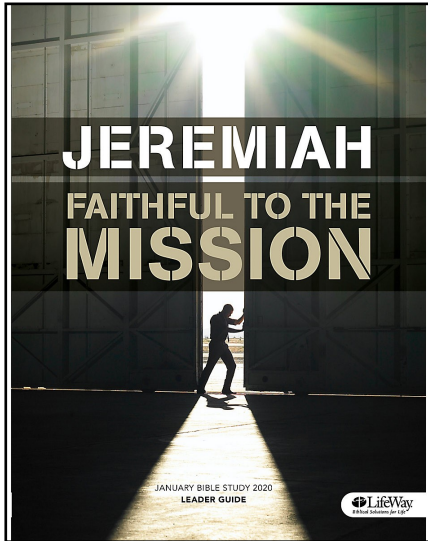


WE'RE HEADED TO CENTRIKID!

Everything at CentriKid is geared toward kids and helping them grow with God. CentriKid staff are trained to make sure everything at camp is rooted in scripture, kid-friendly, and fun! A day at camp includes recreation, worship, Bible study, activity tracks, church group time, and a few surprises too. Your kids will experience the best week of their summer at CentriKid!

SIGN UP YOUR KIDS TODAY!

**Overnight Camp for 3rd-6th Graders.
June 22-26 @Eagle Eyrie Conference Ctr
Deadline to sign up & \$50 deposit due:
Fri., Jan. 31, 2020 (Total cost—\$250)**



NEW WED. NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

The focus of this study is to understand the heart of the prophet & the need for believers today to faithfully proclaim the truth of the gospel. Much like Jeremiah, we live in a world filled with rebellion against God. We too are called to proclaim God's judgment against sin & offer the hope found in Christ. In this 2020 Jan. Bible Study, we will examine the life & message of Jeremiah to gain insight into how believers today can be faithful to the call of God in our lives.

Mission News

We are looking forward to the New Year for our WMU Mission Group.

The Missions Mosaic Magazine Watchword for the year is, "My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for Him is worthwhile." (1Cor.15:58)

Our Mission – is to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ.

The WMU Mission Group meets once a month on the second Tuesday at 1PM at Mathews Baptist Church. Please come and join us.

We will be making home-made soup for the shut-ins in January or February, depending on the weather.

Please Pray for...



† Joyce Callis in Sanders rehab recovering from hip surgery.
† Tee Mallon having hip surgery on Mon., Jan. 6.
† Charles Miller who is at home on hospice care.

† **Praise God for...**
† A new year and new opportunities!
† **Nursing Home/Assisted Living...**
† Martha Hall (Mathews)
† Barbara Buchanan (Heron Cove I)
† **Homebound...**
† Charlie Brown, Ed Haufler, Bert & Charles Miller, Julie Harvell, Lois Hudgins, Edward & Louise Diggs, Pat Mantell, Estelle Tankard
† **Long Term Illness/condition...**
† Archie Owens † Derek Zwiers
† Gloria & Jim Travenski
† Mary Simpson † David Marshall
† Leonard Downs, Jr. † Patsy Brooks
† Don & Christy Talbott † Kittie Scott
† Kelsey Moore † Cathie Wahlers
† Carol Buckley (Delena Nelson's mom)

Church Attendance-Dec. 2019

Date	9:00	10:00	11:00
12/01/19	119	102	28
12/08/19	96	113	38
12/15/19	110	110	32
12/22/19	110	98	
12/29/19	87	79	19

The Mission Study program previously scheduled for January 14 has been cancelled. It will be re-scheduled for later in the year.

For our *Lottie Moon Christmas offering we have received \$9,622.80. Thank you Church family for your generous support of this worthy cause. 100% of your donations go directly to support our international missionaries.

Submitted,
Tee Mallon, WMU Director



† **Our Church Families' Missionaries...**
† Susan/Mike Mangerchine(Navigators)
† **Our love and sympathy go out to...**
† Lois Hudgins and her family at the recent passing of her son-in-law Jim Lawrence.
† The family & friends of Jimmy & Karen Hall at the passing of Jimmy's mother Mary Elizabeth Hall on Dec. 15, 2019
† **Congratulations to...**
† The McBurney family on the birth of a baby girl to Chelsea & Dalton Bilderback (Michael McBurney's daughter). Shiloh Layne was born on Dec. 13, weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz. and 19 in. long.

*Thank you to all who gave to help support our missionaries. Our Lottie Moon Offering was **\$9,622.⁸⁰** as of 12/29/2019. Our goal was \$6,000. Your generous donations will be used to help spread God's Word through our International Missionaries!!

It's never too early to start planning your summer plans for your children.

Mark your calendars now for **Vacation Bible School!**

June 8-12

Theme: Life-Way's **"Concrete & Cranes"**

Coming in Feb:

2nd: Super Bowl
10-16th: FOCUS on WMU Week
14th: Valentine's Day
17th: President's Day (no school)